Sl. No.	Company Name
53.	Richason & Cruddas (1992) Ltd.
54.	Scooters India Ltd.
55.	Smith Stanistreet & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
56.	Southern Pesticides Corporation Ltd.
57.	Tennery & Footwear Corpn. of India Ltd.
58.	Triveni Structurals Ltd.
59.	Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.
60.	U.P. Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
61.	Vignyan Industries Ltd.
62.	Weighbird (India) Ltd.

Strength of surplus labour power in coal Industry

*285. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government assessed the number of the workers and employees working in coal industry under the public sector is more than the requirement;

(b) if so, what is their total number;

(c) whether it is also fact that instead of utilising this extra labour power in some other productive work Government propose to retire them under the voluntary retirement schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of workers proposed to be retired and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) yes, Sir. According to Coal India Ltd. E.C.L., B.C.C.L. and C.C.L. have more manpower than their requirement.

(b) In an exercise undertaken by CIL it was indicated that ECL, BCCL and CCL had 34,920 manpower surplus to their requirements as on 1.4.94. Assessment of surplus manpower is a continuous process.

(c) and (d) Coal India Ltd. as a policy does not intend to retire the excess manpower in the first instance. Manpower assessed to be in excess of requirement is gainfully redeployed by training in suitable vocations. Some are also transferred from surplus to deficit areas both within the company and outside the company. Only those workers who cannot be redeployed or transferred gainfully are offered retirement under VRS, if they so desire. It has been proposed to seek retirement of 3800 employees each in ECL and BCCL during the current financial year and 3300 each in ECL and BCCL during 1999-2000 under VRS.

Revival of NIL and BOGL

*286. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present revival status of the National Instruments Limited and the Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited; and

(b) the number of employees and their average age?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) National Instruments Ltd. (NIL) and Bharat Ophthalmic Glsss Ltd. (BOGL) are BIFR cases and these are still pending before BIFR.

(b)	No. of Employees	Average age (years)
(i) NIL	843	45.5
(ii) BOGL	459	49

Payments overdue to SSIs

*287. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment to SSI units are overdue for a period ranging from seven to eleven months from M/s. Hindustan